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MDA to auction 400 sites after Dasara

- Six allotments cancelled after bidders fail to pay 25% of money
- Two bidders dead, others default
- Person who had bid Rs. 2 crore for 20x30 site defaults

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), buoyed by the overwhelming response to its first e-auction of sites held in July-August 2025, is now preparing to auction another 400 sites soon after the Dasara festivities.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshith said that the inaugural e-auction witnessed widespread participation, with several sites fetching bids far beyond expectations.

This, he said, clearly demonstrated the high demand for MDA sites while also helping the Authority strengthen its financial position.

Encouraged by this success, the MDA is now gearing up for a second round of online auctions aimed at ensuring transparent site allocation, boosting revenue and preventing unauthorised sales or inference of middleman.

Six site allotments cancelled

In the first e-auction, the MDA had offered 200 corner, intermediate and premium sites. Of these, 45 received only single bids, which, as per auction rules, cannot be considered valid.

(See SITES on page 7)

Dasara inauguration row

SC clears the way for Banu Mushtaq

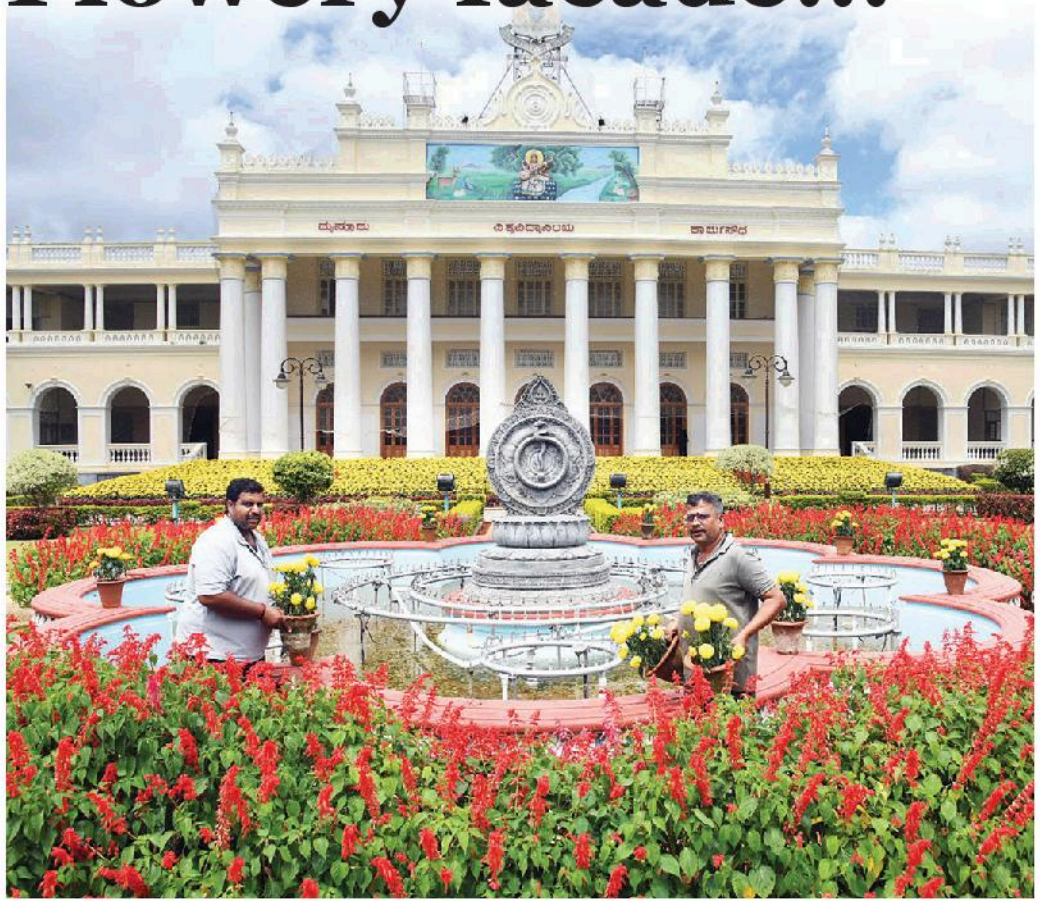
New Delhi, Sept. 19 (Agencies)- The Supreme Court this morning dismissed a plea challenging the Karnataka High Court order that upheld the State Government's decision to invite International Booker Prize winner Banu Mushtaq as chief guest for the Dasara festival inauguration at Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, atop Chamundi Hill in Mysuru on Sept. 22.

A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta rejected the petition after a brief hearing. Senior Advocate P.B. Suresh, for the petitioner, argued that a non-Hindu cannot be allowed to perform temple *pujas*. Justice Nath immediately responded, "Dismissed."

Suresh pressed on, calling the decision "purely political" and insisting that temple *pujas* cannot be regarded as secular acts. Justice Nath, unmoved, repeated, "Dismissed."

When Suresh further alleged that Mushtaq had made past remarks hurting religious sentiments, Justice Nath cut him off, remarking, "We have said 'dismissed' three times. How many dismissals are required?"

Flowery facade...



Gardeners from the Mysore University's Horticulture Department decorating the Crawford Hall frontage with Yellow Marigold flowers.

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 19th September 2025

Talk on 'Making of the Modern Mysore State'

Mysuru, Sept. 19- Mysore Open Forum has organised a talk on 'Making of the Modern Mysore State' by Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, retired Professor, Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Mysore and Convenor, INTACH, at 10.30 am tomorrow (Sept. 20) at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Mysuru. [Mob: 94498-19536]

Prof. Rangaraju

Prof. Rangaraju has a Ph.D in Ancient History and Archaeology (Art History) and Research experience of 40 years in Field Archaeology, Art and Architecture, Epigraphy, Archaeological Excavations, Explorations, Karnataka Prehistory and Early History, Heritage and its Conservation, Preservation of Antiquities Heritage Structures, Museology and Tourism, Museology and other branches of Archaeology.

Khelo India Badminton League for girls

Mysuru, Sept. 19- Mysore District Badminton Association (MDBA) will be organising Asmita Khelo India Badminton League 2025-26 for girls in the U-15, U-17 and U-19 categories from Sept. 20 to 22 at the Health City Badminton Courts, Kanakadasanagar in city. Interested participants can contact Mob: 91080-39302, according to a press release.

AGM of Kodagu Sahakara Sangha

Mysuru, Sept. 19-Kodagu Sahakara Sangha will be holding its Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) for the year 2024-25 at Sangha premises in Jayalakshmipuram on Sept. 21 (Sunday) at 10.30 am.

Sangha President A.C. Nanjamma will preside, according to a press release from Executive Director P. Lovely Appaiah.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SIGNIFICANCE OF NAVARATRI: *Followers of Hinduism worldwide celebrate Navaratri, a unique festival where the goddesses are worshipped for nine nights at a stretch. Our scriptures say Brahman is formless, characterless but attains all those by joining with Sakti. Like a mother birthing a baby, nurturing, protecting it and raising the child, similarly Sakti answers the appeals of devotees who petition her when beset by problems, said B. Damodara Deekshithar.*

One of the hardest things to face in life is sudden, unexpected misfortune, leaving one in utter despair. At such moments, one should pray to Ambal. She is each one's personal favourite female goddess, is known by various names, including Parvati, Kamakshi, Mariamma, Kaliamma, etc., said Adi Sankara. One of his students wondered how praying to Ambal would help one surmount one's problem. The preceptor replied saying that the world is run by the devatas. While a person's success or failure, joy or sorrow, failings and victories are determined by one's actions in previous births (karma), the ones who dispense these life aspects in the current birth are these devatas, who are themselves guided by Ambal. When a sufferer prays to Ambal, She guides the servitor devatas in such a way that the problems dissipate. Adi Sankara further states that all gods starting with Brahma, Vishnu and Siva pray to Her, thereby becoming complete. Therefore, when a devotee prays to Vishnu and petitions Lakshmi as well, the benefit of placing such faith in Her is immeasurable, specially during Navaratri. One may wonder which goddess one should pray to, these special days. The goddess is one but Her name changes as per her residence. — In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Island ruled by Spain, France for 6 months

Madrid: There is a little slip of land in the Bidasoa River, right between France and Spain, that could easily be mistaken for nothing. This tiny island - called Pheasant Island - has been the stage for royal marriages, peace treaties and one of the strangest border arrangements in the world.

Since 1659, it has been governed by both countries in turns. Spain controls it for six months, then hands it over to France for the next six.

The unusual agreement began with the Treaty of the Pyrenees, signed in 1659 to end a long conflict between France and Spain. As neither side surrendered the island completely, they struck a compromise that was simple but extraordinary: alternate sovereignty every six months. More than three centuries later, that calendar swap is still followed without fuss.

Hospitalised after 14-hour homework

Beijing: An 11-year-old boy in Changsha, China, required medical attention after doing homework and studying for 14 hours straight under the supervision of his parents.

Case in point, the boy was recently hospitalised after doing homework from 8 am to 10 pm without any rest. By 11 pm, the boy became agitated and developed rapid breathing, dizziness, headaches and numbness in his limbs. His parents, who had been supervising him all day panicked and took him to a local hospital, where he was diagnosed with respiratory problems due to hyperventilation.

The respiratory condition was reportedly caused by breathing too fast and too deeply, which was due to the emotional stress he suffered from being pressured by his parents to do homework continuously for 14 hours.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Does diet affect psoriasis ?

Some people find relief by avoiding alcohol, red meat, or processed foods, and adding anti-inflammatory foods like fish, fruits, and vegetables.

By Dr. Ravi S - Consultant – Dermatology and Cosmetology
Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

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Clinical Pharmacy Training Programme's Academic Visit

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (KS) - An academic visit as part of the Clinical Pharmacy Training Programme for B. Pharm students, jointly organised by JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru and The National University of Science & Technology, Muscat, Oman, was held in city recently.

The programme is being held from Sept. 8 to Oct. 3, to provide students with hands-on training in India.

The visit was led by Amanulla Khan, proprietor of Victory Pharma and Secretary of Mysore Chemists and Druggists Welfare Association.

The academic delegation included M.S. Srikanth, Assistant Professor at JSS College of Pharmacy, along with Dr. Mohammed Daiyaan Khan and Dr. Ravindra P. Choudhary, Ph.D Scholars, Department of Pharmacy Practice.

The interaction focused on linking academics with practice through patient counselling, pharmacist-led services and community initiatives. The students keenly observed dispensing practices and gaining real-world insights into pharmacy care.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Tree census: A landmark step towards green heritage

Sir,

This refers to your report **'Mysuru set for first-ever tree census, MoU signed'** (*Star of Mysore* dated Sept. 16, 2025).

I wish to wholeheartedly applaud Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), the Centre For Advanced Learning (CFAL), JSS Pharmacy College, VVCE, and all supporting organisations for launching such a visionary initiative.

Mysuru, renowned for its heritage charm and lush green boulevards, has long taken pride in being a 'Garden City'. Yet, like many growing urban centres, it faces pressures from rapid development, illegal felling and shrinking biodiversity.

A tree census will create a scientific and publicly accessible record of our trees — their species, size, health and location. This is more than just data collection; it is the foundation for better planning, conservation and accountability.

What makes this initiative truly inspiring is the collaboration between citizens, academia and Government departments. It demonstrates that protecting the environment is not the responsibility of a single agency, but of the entire community.

To make the census even more meaningful, I urge organisers to actively involve school-going children.

Imagine each school adopting a nearby street or park, with students recording and monitoring trees as part of their science curriculum.

Competitions in photography, art or storytelling can complement the census, making the exercise not only scientific but also creative and memorable.

A 'Tree Guardianship' programme can help children build a personal bond with nature, ensuring they grow up as stewards of our environment.

If Mysuru's young minds are engaged today, tomorrow they will not only count trees but also care for them. That would be the real legacy of this historic tree census.

— Anthony Haslaunger Willi
on e-mail
Mysuru
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Five achievers conferred with 'Rajendra Sri Seva Award'

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (GA&DM)- Five achievers from different fields were conferred with 'Rajendra Sri Seva Award' at a programme organised under the aegis of Mysuru Sharana Mandali at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday.

The awardees are: CADA (Cauvery) Chairman P. Mariswamy, Additional DC Dr. P. Shivaraju, social worker Mahesh Shenoy (Managing Trustee, Kamakshi Hospital), *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* senior reporter M.T. Yogesh Kumar and industrialist R. Veeresh.

Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah lauded the Sharana Mandali for recognising achievers from different fields who are striving for the development of the society in their own way and presenting the award to them.

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, social worker K. Raghuram Vajpayee, Sharana Mandali President Muguru Nanjundaswamy, Guruswamy and others were present.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Dasara Doll Show

Marking Dasara, the DAV Public School in the city, will be organising a Dasara Doll show, Childrens' talent expo and Cultural fest, at its premises located in D Block, 3rd Stage, Industrial Suburb, Vishweshwaranagar, at 9.40 am tomorrow (Sept. 20). City's CAVA Chief Executive Officer Nirmala Mathapathi will inaugurate.

AGMs

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of the city's **Sri Lakshmi Multi-purpose Co-op. Society,** will be held at the Society premises located at No.1732, Akbar Road, Mandi Mohalla, at 10.30 am on Sept. 25. For more details, contact- 0821-2432504.

The AGM of the city's **Raju Kshatriya Credit Co-op. Society,** will be held at the Society premises located in Muttaiah Complex, Railway Gate Road, Saraswathipuram, at 11 am tomorrow (Sept. 20).

ITI admission

The Government ITI, Varuna Kempegowdanahundi located on Mellahalli-Varakodu road, Varakodu Post, in Mysuru taluk, has invited applications from eligible SSLC passed students for admission to ITI Courses in different trades, the details of which are as follows- 2-year Mechanic-Electric vehicle (20 seats), 2 year Virtual Analysis and Designer (24 seats), 2-year Engineering Design Technician (10 seats), 2-year CNC Machining Technician (24 seats), 1-year Manufacturing process Control and Automation (20 seats) and 1-year Industrial Robotics and Digital Manufacturing (20 seats).

Micro loans

MCC has invited online applications from eligible street vendors of the city for availing special micro-loans under PM-Atmanirbhar scheme. Under the scheme, the street vendors coming under MCC limits, can avail loan of Rs. 15,000 in the first phase, Rs. 25,000 in the second phase and Rs. 50,000 in the third phase. The street vendors can also get Bank Credit card facility of value Rs. 30,000. Eligible street vendors can apply online through PM-SVANidhi portal.

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-898,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by **Dr. G.A. Subbulakshmi,** Retd. Professor, MES Kishora Kendra, Bengaluru, at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, in city on Sept. 20 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. Contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.

SIT search at Banglegudda in Dharmasthala

Skeletal remains revive 2017 Kodagu man's missing case

Dharmasthala/Madikeri, Sept. 19 (BCT)- A chilling discovery near Banglegudda, a 12-acre forested area close to Dharmasthala and adjacent to the Nethravathi River, has breathed new life into an eight-year-old missing person case.

Aiyappa

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) has recovered seven human skulls and multiple skeletal remains during a two-day search. On the first day, five skulls were found, and two more were recovered yesterday before the team halted further operations.

Among the remains, investigators found an old identity card belonging to Uluvagada B. Aiyappa, a 71-year-old resident of T. Shettigeri village, Ponnampet taluk, Kodagu, who had been missing since June 2017. This discovery has sparked strong suspicions that one of the skeletal remains could be his.

The 2017 disappearance

According to family members, Aiyappa left home on the morning of June 18, 2017, informing his family that he was travelling to Mysuru for medical treatment.

He last spoke to them in a phone call at 11.55 am that day. Shortly after, his mobile phone was switched off, and when days passed without any sign of him, his son Jeevan checked with the Mysuru hospital, only to learn that Aiyappa had never arrived.

On June 25, 2017, Jeevan filed a missing person complaint at the Srimangala Police Station, but the case remained unsolved for eight long years — until the discovery at Banglegudda.

The recovery of Aiyappa's ID card alongside skeletal remains has raised troubling questions about what really happened. Did Aiyappa travel to Dharmasthala instead of Mysuru? Did he die there, possibly unrecognised, or is he one among the multiple individuals whose remains were found scattered across the forest?

To confirm the identity, the SIT has sent the remains for forensic and DNA testing. Investigators have also contacted the Srimangala Police for case records related to Aiyappa's disappearance.

Additional remains

Investigators also found additional remains stored in plastic containers and pipes. They also recovered other items, including a walking stick, which may prove crucial in piecing together the mystery. Initial observations suggest that some of the deaths may have been suicides, as several skulls and bones were discovered tied to trees with ropes and cloth. Two ropes and a saree were found hanging from a tree directly above the spot where the remains were located.

Forensic results will play a critical role in determining the identities of the deceased and uncovering how the remains came to be in the secluded forest. Whether the case points to homicide, ritualistic practices or other illegal activities will only be revealed once the forensic reports are complete.

Female elephant drowns in Cauvery River

Kushalnagar, Sept. 19 (KS)- A female elephant, which had ventured into the Cauvery River on Wednesday morning to quench its thirst, has met its tragic end.

The incident took place at Palluru and Maldare of Meenukolli at Kushalnagar Range in Madikeri Division of Kodagu Circle.

The elephant's carcass was seen floating in the middle of the river which was fished out using a boat by Range Forest Officer (RFO) R. Rakshit, Chief Veterinarian Dr. Mujeeb and Veterinarian Dr. Chittiappa, under the guidance of Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) A.A. Gopal.

The carcass after being pulled to the edge of the river using a boat was later pulled to the shore using a tamed elephant.

Post-mortem was conducted by Dr. Mujeeb and Dr. Chittiappa, who confirmed that the elephant had died of drowning and not because of gunshot or electrocution.

Girl ends life by jumping into river

Hunsur, Sept. 19 (KS)- An 18-year-old girl allegedly ended her life by jumping into Lakshmanatheertha River near the Pump House in the town yesterday.

Deepika

The deceased girl is identified as Deepika, daughter of Nanjundaswamy of Harave village in the taluk. She was pursuing her second year BA course at a private college in Mysuru and was staying at the hostel.

Deepika, who did not go to the college yesterday, went to Hunsur, where she kept her college bag and identity card near the Pump House and jumped into the River.

Meanwhile, a few people, who were conducting the last rites on the banks of the Ricer, saw her jumping into the River and screamed for help. Soon, staff of the Pump House rushed to the spot, but the girl had drowned by then.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel fished out her body.

Public, who had gathered at the spot, noticed the college bag and identity card, called her father over the phone number which was mentioned on the identity card and informed him about the tragedy.

Deepika's father, who rushed to the spot, lodged a complaint at Hunsur Town Police Station.

In her death note, Deepika has stated, "I am responsible for my death. I have cheated my parents. I could not live up to their expectations. Please forgive me." The body was handed over to family members after conducting postmortem at a hospital.

Centenarian Lakkappa Swamiji passes away

Hunsur, Sept. 19 (KS)- Sri Lakkappa Swamiji (100), Founder of Vishwashanthi Shikshana Samsthe at Rathnapuri village in the taluk, passed away on Wednesday night.

Lakkappa Swamiji

Last rites were held at Vishwashanthi Shikshana Samsthe premises yesterday. Former Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath and other dignitaries paid their last respects to the departed soul.

Two go missing

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (KS)- In separate cases, two persons have gone missing from Mysuru South Police limits in city.

In the first case, 50-year-old Suresh has gone missing. He is 5.5 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built, fair complexioned, speaks Kannada and was wearing a sky blue coloured shirt and black pant at the time of going missing.

Suresh

In the second case, 53-year-old Nagaraju has gone missing. He is 5.7 ft. tall, round faced, fair complexioned, speaks Kannada and was wearing a white shirt and black pant and was carrying a brown towel at the time of going missing. Finders may contact Mysuru South Police on Ph: 0821-2444955 or call District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418612.

Nagaraju

Obituary

D. Krishnaiah

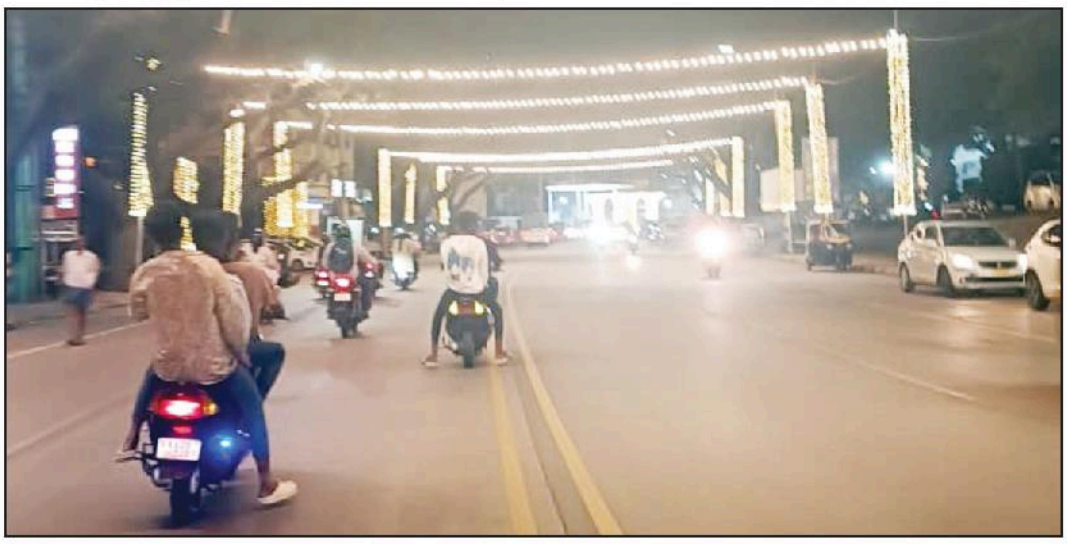
Mysuru, Sept. 19- D. Krishnaiah (89), retired MCC driver and a resident of Vinayakanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind two sons, two daughters, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Gokulam Burial Grounds this morning.

Reel Menace

Dasara illumination brings out social media content creators such as dancers and bike stunt gangs to the streets; become traffic hazard



Mysuru, Sept. 19 (VVH&BCT)- As the countdown begins for the grand Mysuru Dasara celebrations, concerns over public safety are growing alongside the festive preparations.

As the city streets are lit up so also people who want to create social media content have become a nuisance for smooth flow of traffic as they recklessly stand under the lights to pose and create dancing reels.

Quite a few *SOM* readers reported that circles that were illuminated had numerous youngsters blocking traffic for video and photo shoots. On Thursday around 7.30 pm on Sayyaji Rao Road, a gang of bikers were seen recklessly performing wheelies and other stunts without helmets and scaring other road-users.

Eyewitnesses reported that these bikers did not care for their safety nor the others while repeatedly performing the stunts and recording it.

Concerned citizens have urged the Police to take strict legal action against such offenders as it is only going to get worse as the lights come on for the next month.

Honest auto driver returns Rs. 14,000

sent to him online by mistake

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (KS)- An auto driver, displaying humanitarian concern, returned Rs. 14,000 which was transferred to his bank account by mistake.

The auto driver, who returned the money is Chandrashekar, a resident of Rajendranagar, who ferries passengers to their destinations in his autorickshaw (KA-55-9562) while the person, who had transferred the money online via Google Pay is Naveen, a resident of Hebbal in city.

It is learnt that Naveen was supposed to send the money to another Chandrashekar and while going through the transaction history on his Google Pay account, he came across Chandrashekar's name and assuming that it is the same Chandrashekar to whom he was send money, transferred Rs. 14,000.

Naveen had earlier travelled in Chandrashekar's auto and had paid the fare online using Google Pay and hence the name of auto driver Chandrashekar was in his Google Pay transaction history.

Chandrashekar

Naveen then contacted auto driver Chandrashekar over the phone and informed him that Rs. 14,000 was transferred to his bank account through Google Pay by mistake and requested him to refund the money.

The auto driver, who told Naveen that he would check his bank account and get back to him, found Rs. 14,000 was indeed transferred to him by Naveen and transferred the money back to Naveen.

Happy and respecting the auto driver for his honesty, Naveen thanked Chandrashekar immensely.

Elderly man killed, students injured as goods vehicle hits

Mayigowda

Bannur, Sept. 19 (RK&KS)- An elderly man died of injuries while two students sustained injuries when a goods vehicle hit them and ran over the students on the main road in Bannur on Sept. 16 evening.

While the deceased has been identified as Mayigowda (75), resident of the town, the two children Mohammed Numan and Mohammed Likman, are the students of Lions School in the town.

After school closed for the day, the two students were waiting on the roadside when the goods vehicle driven by one Srinivas hit the students and ran over them resulting in Numan sustaining a fracture on his leg while Lukman escaped with minor injuries.

Driver Srinivas, who did not stop the vehicle, drove it for about 600 metres and hit Mayigowda, who was returning home from his field resulting in him suffering multiple internal injuries.

Mayigowda, who got himself treated, went home but succumbed to injuries the next day.

Bannur Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

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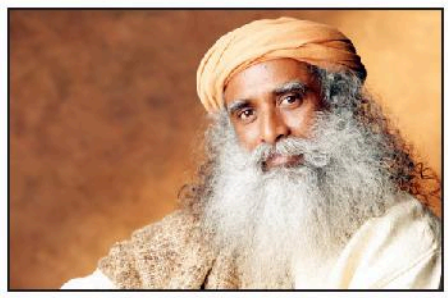

By Sadhguru - Founder, Isha Foundation

Navaratri: Making Place for the Feminine

Navaratri is about approaching life through the feminine nature of the Divine and nurturing reverence for all aspects of life and creation. The nine-day festival is classified according to the three basic qualities of existence — tamas, rajas and sattva.

The first three days are tamas or inertia, where the goddess is fierce — Durga or Kali. The next three days are about activity, with Lakshmi-related goddesses — gentle and materially-oriented. The last three days are dedicated to Saraswati, who represents knowledge and transcendence.

Everyone must draw upon all these three dimensions of existence because all are needed. But if you go beyond these, it is about liberation. So, after Navaratri, the tenth and final day of Dussehra is Vijayadashami — the day of victory. That means you did not give in to any of these qualities; you participated in each of them, but you did not invest in them — you won over them. The message is that being in reverence and gratitude towards everything leads to success and victory.

Unfortunately, today we have made everyone believe that conquest is the only way to success. Our whole attitude towards life has become lopsided — we chose to conquer life rather than embrace it. Trying to conquer the planet has led to all the disasters we see today. The masculine is always about conquest. The feminine is not about conquest; it is about flowering, relaxing and living.

For a long time, survival was the dominant factor for humanity, so masculine was the dominant force. Allowing the feminine to find its place in any society is very important. If this does not happen, we will exhaust the planet soon.

The feminine can come to its proper place only when societies have handled their survival and reached a stable level of culture and civilisation. Today, we are nearing that phase.

Masculine and feminine are two qualities. This is not about being physically male or female; the feminine can be as alive in a man as it is in a woman. Only when these qualities happen in balance, can a human being live a life of fulfilment.

In the past, societies were aware of the significance of the feminine. Goddess worship is the most ancient form of worship on the planet and flourished in India, Europe, Arabia and large parts of Africa. In more recent times, unfortunately, a very ambitious approach to religion became the mode and people burnt the feminine off the planet.

The only culture where worship of the feminine is still prevalent and enduring is in India. I have been to many Devi temples — not just famous ones, but little ones in towns and villages. I have been absolutely amazed to find that sometimes even in villages, temples that were consecrated hundreds of years ago are still fully, forcefully alive. These are not dolls that you worship. They are live feminine forces of different calibres, intensities and qualities — from gentle to fierce. Whether you worship or not, there are many ways to make use of them to do various kinds of activities.

Most of these temples were created for a specific purpose, for the requirements of that area. As they are found in so many places, obviously the technology of making them was very widespread and well-known.

It was humbling to see that in a tiny village, someone had consecrated something with a great amount of sophistication. These were nameless yogis. They didn't think it necessary to leave their name on the temple. This energy they left is all there is. It is not in the nature of the feminine to leave a footprint but to imprint life within through a strong experience.

This Navaratri, make use of these spaces and their energy and celebrate the feminine. Only then you can know the beauty of life.

[Sadhguru is a yogi, mystic, visionary and a prominent spiritual leader. An author, poet and internationally-renowned speaker, Sadhguru's wit and piercing logic provoke and widen our perception of life. ***www.ishafoundation.org****]*

CIRCUS comes to town

International acrobats, 120 artistes and robotic animals will perform for the next 40 days

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (GA&VNS)- Tourists and Mysureans, while enjoying the grand Dasara festivities with their families and loved ones, will also have a chance to witness thrilling, breathtaking stunts by expert artistes at the Gemini Circus, which kicks off tomorrow (Sept. 20) at the Horse Park, located behind Karanji Lake in Nazarbad.

Addressing reporters at Pathrakarthara Bhavan this morning, Gemini Circus Convenor S.V. Nagesh said the event will be inaugurated by **Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, member of the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family, tomorrow at 6.30 pm.** District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLAs Tanveer Sait and T.S. Srivatsa will also be present.

This year, the management has invited African artistes, who will showcase spectacular stunts alongside 120 other performers.

With the ban on animals in circuses, organisers will use robotic animals to bring novelty and excitement to the shows. The circus will run for 40 days, offering a mix of daring acts and innovative performances.

Tickets are priced at Rs. 150, Rs. 250, Rs. 350 and Rs. 450, available both at the venue and online. There will be three shows daily at 1 pm, 4 pm and 7 pm, with each performance lasting two hours and 10 minutes.

Gemini Circus Manager Suresh and Promoter Premnanth were also present at the press meet.

Finish cleaning works of Outer Ring Road soon: MCC Commr.

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (MTY&BS)- With three days left for the inauguration of Nada Habba Mysuru Dasara on Sept. 22 atop Chamundi Hill, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif has instructed the officers to expedite the ongoing works on cleaning Outer Ring Road (ORR) to cater to the spurt in number of tourists visiting the city.

MCC Commissioner Asif, who inspected the works for five hours from 8 am to 12 noon yesterday, instructed the officers to complete the works within the inauguration of Dasara.

Asif said, the works on tidying ORR has been taken up to present a pleasant view of the city to the tourists, who otherwise may feel embarrassed at the very sight of weeds and shrubs in the medians.

The mud accumulated at the edges of the road are being removed, besides clearing construction debris dumped on ORR by 60%. The remaining debris will also be cleared soon.

Commissioner of Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC) Chandrashekar, Assistant Commissioner of MCC Zonal Office-5 Venkatram, Assistant Commissioner of MCC Zonal Office-8 Somashekar, Assistant Commissioner of MCC Zonal Office-9 Dhanush, Assistant Executive Engineers (AEE) Madhukar and Mruthyunjaya, Environmental Engineers Naveen, Chinmay, Lokeshwari, Krishnamurthy, Health Inspectors and others accompanied the MCC Commissioner Asif during the inspection of the Ring Road.

Dr. Nairuthya presents Surgical Innovation at Intl. Congress in Dubai

Dr. Nairuthya

Mysuru, Sept. 19- Dr. Nairuthya Shivathirthan, Chief GI and HPB Surgeon, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, presented a pioneering surgical technique at the 5th International Congress of the American College of Surgeons (UAE Chapter) that took place on Sept. 12 and 13 at the Raffles Hotel in Dubai.

Dr. Nairuthya delivered a presentation on "Single-Stage Double By-pass in Chronic Calcific Pancreatitis with Portal Biliopathy with Biliary Stricture in a Non-Shutable Anatomy" under the Hepato Biliary Surgery session. This innovative procedure introduces a single-stage surgical strategy for complex cases of chronic calcific pancreatitis complicated by portal biliopathy and biliary stricture — conditions that typically pose significant surgical challenges.

By innovating a double bypass approach in a non-shutable anatomy, Dr. Nairuthya informed that it aims to improve surgical outcomes, reduce complications and provide a new treatment pathway for patients previously considered difficult to treat.

The ACS 2025 UAE Chapter Congress in Dubai served as a global platform for surgeons to share cutting-edge innovations, foster collaborations and advance surgical science for better patient care worldwide.

Mysuru tops Karnataka with 60,000 e-Khata registrations

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru District has emerged as the frontrunner in Karnataka for registering digital property records under the e-Aasthi application, issuing 60,000 e-Khatas since the launch of the e-Khata Abhiyan in July this year.

An e-Khata is an essential document for property registration, sale and purchase, replacing the traditional paper or handwritten khata system.

As of Sept. 18, Mysuru recorded 411 A-khatas and 138 B-khatas in a single day, pushing the city's cumulative total to 41,161 A-khatas and 18,949 B-khatas — a combined 60,110 e-khatas. This milestone has placed Mysuru firmly at the top of Karnataka's digital property documentation drive.

Comparatively, other districts have recorded significantly lower numbers. Belagavi ranks second with 54,693 registrations, followed by Bengaluru Urban with 46,829. In neighbouring districts, Hassan issued 15,286 e-khatas, Mandya 10,346, Kodagu 3,703, and Chamarajanagar 2,896.

The surge follows the Registration (Karnataka Amendment) Bill, passed by the State Assembly in February, which mandated replacing handwritten khatas with electronic documents to prevent illegal registration of properties in urban areas.

Statewide, across Karnataka's 31 districts, a total of 4,06,391 A-khatas and 2,97,998 B-khatas have been registered so far, amounting to 7,04,389 e-khatas.

Mysuru's strong performance is credited to proactive public participation, the mandatory requirement for e-khata registration, and aggressive awareness campaigns under the State's e-property initiative.

At the end of last year, nearly 22,000 property owners in Mysuru had already secured digital property records. Since the launch of the campaign in July, registrations have steadily increased.

A key factor driving this surge has been the distribution of informative brochures door-to-door, educating residents about the required documents and registration process.

With e-khata now compulsory for property registration under Municipal Corporations, Town Municipal Councils and other local bodies, the document has become indispensable for both sale and purchase of properties.

In addition, residents registering for e-khatas are also clearing outstanding property taxes and dues, boosting revenue for local governing bodies.

Rotary jatha for 'Swachha Mysuru' tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (GA&BS)- 'Namma Mysuru Swachha Mysuru,' a jatha to spread the message of cleanliness through a vehicle rally during Mysuru Dasara, has been organised by Chamundi Zone of Rotary International District-3181 in the city tomorrow (Sept. 20).

Rotaractor P. Welkin Sheleph told media persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in the city yesterday that with Dasara in the offing, the possibilities of littering waste in public places are more, which comes as a hurdle in keeping the city clean during the annual festival.

The jatha will be taken out from Ideal Jawa Rotary School near Mysuru Development Authority (MDA), previously MUDA, on JLB Road in the city at 8 am.

Rotary District Governor Rtn. P.K. Ramakrishna will flag off the jatha, that may see the participation of 150 two-wheeler riders including women from Mysuru Ladies Team.

Charitha Gowda, Shakunthala Elizabeth, Yashwanth and Gowtham were present.

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MDA to auction 400 sites after Dasara

(Continued from page 1)

A total of 108 sites were successfully sold, and the successful bidders were given three days to pay 25 percent of the bid amount.

However, six bidders failed to make the mandatory initial payment, leading to the cancellation of their allotments.

Among them was a bidder who had secured a 20×30 ft. (600 sq. ft.) site at Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 2nd Phase, which sold for an astounding Rs. 33,333 per sq. ft., amounting to Rs. 2 crore. The bidder initially sought more time to pay following his mother's death, but later informed MDA officials that he was unable to proceed due to family pressure.

Two other bidders who had won sites passed away before making the payment, and as the rules prohibit anyone else from bidding in the name of a deceased person, those allotments were cancelled. The remaining three bidders defaulted on payment without providing valid reasons. As a result, all six sites are now being added back to the auction list, the MDA Commissioner said.

Fully digital process

"We are preparing to auction 200 sites across various localities immediately after Dasara. Later, we will auction another 200 sites, including the six cancelled ones," Rakshith revealed.

To participate, interested buyers must register on the official MDA website, submit an Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), and log in on the scheduled date and time to place their bids.

Sites will be awarded to the highest bidders, who must complete payment within the stipulated timeframe to secure ownership.

The entire process will be fully digital, with detailed information about site sizes and base prices published well in advance. Rakshith confirmed that preparations are underway, and the second and third rounds of e-auctions will commence soon after Dasara concludes.

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A grand vocal concert at Bhagini Raaga Sourabha

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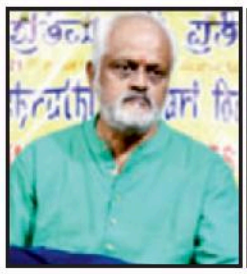

Vid. Ramanujam

Vid. Sharath Kaushik

Mysuru, Sept. 19- Mysuru is set to be enthralled by the resonant strains of Karnatak music as BSS Vidyodaya and Raaga Music Academy present Bhagini Raga Saurabha's grand vocal concert by **Vidu. Archana Koviladi** tomorrow (Sept. 20) from 6 pm onwards, at BSS Vidyodaya, Krishnamurthypuram in city.

Vidu. Archana will be accompanied by **Vidu. Aditi Krishnaprakash** on violin, **Vid. G. S. Ramanujam** on mridanga and **Vid. Sharath Kaushik** on ghata.

Vidu. Archana Koviladi, hailing from a family of musicians, was initiated into Karnatak classical music at a young age by her grandfather, *Haridasa Sangeeta Gana Ratna* Koviladi K. Rangarajan, a celebrated musician of Srirangam.

For the past 27 years, she has been under the tutelage of her mother, *Kala Deepti* Koviladi R. Kala, a renowned artiste and music guru in Mysuru.

An A-Graded artiste of All India Radio in both Karnatak Vocal and Karnatak Devotional categories, Vidu. Archana has presented numerous concerts across prestigious sabhas including Shanmukhananda Sabha (Mumbai), Bangalore Gayana Samaja, Arkay Convention Centre (Chennai), Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha (Mysuru), National Programme of Music by Akashavani and Nadaneerajanam, Tirupati. [Contact Mob: 94497-03610]

Bhushans' family to perform at Kochi

Mysuru, Sept. 19- Internationally acclaimed celebrity Bharatanatyam artiste couple Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan, the artistic Directors of Bhushans' Academy of Performing Arts and Visual Presentation, Mysuru and Bengaluru along with their sons Abhyuday Dhyan Bhushan and Abhignan Vedant Bhushan will present 'Ramabhyudayam,' a musical dance theatrical based on Navarasa Ramayana for the Thribhanga Dance festival at Angamaly CSA auditorium, Kochi on Sept. 20 at 6.30 pm.

The event is organised by Kerala Sangeetha Nruthya Academy as part of Madhyamekhala series and curated by artiste Chithra Sukumaran. The production has travelled many festivals and is sought after for its etched characters and choreography.

Badari Divya Bhushan and Dr. Anjana Bhushan are the only couple dancers from Karnataka to be a part of this festival which features many accomplished artistes of national and international repute.

12 achievers selected for awards

Mysuru, Sept.19 - As many as 12 achievers from different fields have been selected for three awards — Dasara Kavi, Dasara Yuva Pratibhe and Savigannada Samskrutika Prashasti — given by the city's Hoysala Kannada Sangha and Savigannada Patrika Balaga, marking Dasara festival.

The awardees are: Dasara Kavi - Sishiranjan (Poetry and Theatre) and Tejashri Suresh (Poetry).

Dasara Yuva Pratibhe - Vidushi K.M. Lekha (Dance), Vidushi K.M. Nidhi (Dance) and Srinidhi (Theatre).

Savigannada Samskrutika Prashasti - *'Mysuru Mithra'* Columnist Dr. V. Ranganath (Administration and article writing), Dr. Avarekaadu Vijayakumar (Education and Literature), Ganesh Heggade (Humour Literature), My.Shri Bharathi (Akashvani service), Chittannanavar (Book Publishing and Kannada promotion), D. Puttaswamy (Culture and Organisation) and Kiran Sidlehalli (Education and Organisation).

The awards will be conferred to the achievers at a programme to take place at District Kannada Sahitya Bhavan in Vijayanagar I Stage at 10.30 am on Sept. 29.

Dasara Kavigoshti

The Hoysala Kannada Sangha and Savigannada Patrika Balaga will also be hosting 'Kavyadasara,' a Dasara Kavigoshti (Poets Meet). The participation is open to first 25 poets who register early. Those interested can send their self-composed poems, not exceeding 20 lines, to the General Secretary, Hosyala Kannada Sangha and Savigannada Patrika Balaga, No.75, E Block, 15th Cross, J.P. Nagar, Mysuru, before Sept.20. For details, contact Mob: 98457-91252.

Cultural Outreach at BVB

Mysuru, Sept. 19- As part of its 151st Cultural Outreach Programme, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru, in association with BVB Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru, has organised 'Bharatanatya: Nrutya Vaibhava' by Shraddha Dance Ensemble (Shama Krishna and her disciples) at BVB premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru, on Sept. 20 at 6 pm.

K. Shama Krishna, hailing from Bengaluru, is one of the foremost performing artistes of classical dance in India. She has completed her Proficiency level examination in Bharatanatyam, a Master's degree holder from Sastra University in Tanjavur. An A-graded artiste of Bengaluru DD, she is also an empanelled artiste of ICCR. A recipient of senior level scholarship from the HR Department, Government of India, she has been trained in the 108 Karanas of Natya Sastra by late Guru Sundari Santanam. She has been very fortunate to receive training in Natya Sastra elements by *Padma Vibhushan* Guru Dr. Padma Subramaniam from whom she continues to learn Bharatanritya.

Classical music vocal concert

Dr. Surabhi Pusthakam

Vidu. C.V. Shruthi

Vid. Puttur Nikshith

Mysuru, Sept. 19- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, will be presenting a Karnatak classical vocal concert by Vidushi Dr. Surabhi Pusthakam (disciple of Vidu M.K. Saraswathi and Vidu. Amrutha Venkatesh), at Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple, SBM Colony, Srirampura, Mysuru, on Sept. 20 at 6 pm.

She will be accompanied on violin by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi (disciple of Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy and Akkarai Sisters) and on mridanga by Vid. Puttur Nikshith (disciple of Vid. Mannarkoil J. Balaji).

'Tribute Concert' tomorrow

Vidu. Sumitra

Mysuru, Sept. 19- **Vidu. Dr. Sumitra Vasudev,** an acclaimed musicologist from Chennai, and her students, will be presenting a "Tribute Concert" at the residence of Mysore Vasudevacharya in city tomorrow at 10 am. The team is being accompanied by **Dr. M.A. Jyothi** on violin and **Vid. M.R. Manjunath** on mridanga.

The vocalists joining Dr. Sumitra are **Vidu. S. Kirtana, Vidu. K. Kamakshi** and **S. Maitreyi.**

Karnatak Classical Music contest: Entries invited

Mysuru, Sept. 19- Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies (VIIS) and Swaralayam Arts Forum, Houston, USA, are jointly organising music competitions as part of 17th Annual Sulochana Pattabhiraman Utsavam to be held on Sept. 24 at Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies, KIADB Industrial Housing Area, Ring Road, Hebbal, Mysuru at 10 am.

The event aims to encourage and blossom the talent of students in the age of 13 to 22 years.

One of the events is competitions in Karnatak Classical Music (vocal, instrumental — wind instruments - flute; string instruments - violin and veena; and percussion instruments - mridanga and ghata).

The students are expected to be amateurs/senior learning in classical music. The contestants shall present a kruthi along with a brief manodharma within a time limit of 8 minutes.

Last date for registration is Sept. 20 by 5 pm. For details contact on Mob: 86601-41467.

Curtain falls on Yuva Sambhrama

Nine-day cultural fest concludes ahead of Dasara 2025; Hundreds of college troupes entertain the audience with mesmerising performances

Mysuru, Sept. 19 (PM&BS)- Curtains came down on Dasara Yuva Sambhrama, after spreading an ensemble of entertainment for nine days, as a prelude to Nada Habba Mysuru Dasara at Open Air Theatre in Manasagangothri here yesterday.

A total of 50 college troupes showcased their talent in various dance forms on the last day of Yuva Sambhrama, highlighting the glory of the land and language and patriotic spirit. Joy knew no bounds for the audience too, with youths outnumbering others, who danced merrily in sync with the budding artistes on the stage.

Like previous days, there was no dearth of breathtaking performances as the students of Government Boys PU College staged a dance for the medley of songs like 'Barisu Kannada Dimdimava...' and 'Huttidare Kannada Nadalli Huttabeku...,' spreading the fragrance of Kannada among the gathering.

The troupe of JSS Institute of Education, Nanjangud, stirred a sense of devotion, paying obeisance to Lord Mahadeshwara with their performance. 'Kelisade Kallu Kallinali...' a hit song from Kannada film 'Belli Kalungura', reverberated through Open Air Theatre, as the students of Banumaiah's Independent PU College danced with a classical touch.

Veteran actor 'Sahasasimha' Vishnuvardhan came alive as the students displayed fandom, shaking their legs for a hit song from his film 'Simhadriya Simha' by holding a huge portrait of the late actor.

The other highlights were — dancing tributes to Lord Ganesha by the students of Hari Vidyalaya Composite PU College, Bogadi, 'Om Shakti...' by the students of MMK Independent PU College, Tumbasoge, former Dasara howdah carrier elephant Arjuna by the students of De Paul College, Srirangapatna, with their fast moves for the songs 'Salaga Iva Onti Salaga...' and 'Madagaja...'

A child prodigy from Ideal Jawa Rotary School in the city recited the Preamble of the Indian Constitution in a soothing tone, winning the appreciation of the gathering, who encouraged her with a big applause.

District Minister to unveil stone plaque with Preamble of Indian Constitution tomorrow

Mysuru, Sept.19 (TRR)- District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa will unveil the stone plaque bearing the Preamble of Indian Constitution at a function to be held tomorrow jointly by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, Department of Social Welfare and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) at 11 am at Town Hall premises in city.

MLA K. Harishgowda will preside. Sericulture Minister K. Venkatesh, MPs Yaduveer Wadiyar and Sunil Bose, all Legislators of the District, Chairmen of various Boards and Corporations and other officials including the DC, ZP CEO and MCC Commissioner will participate in the function.

The pedestal of Architect of Indian Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's old statue, which was lying vacant after the new statue was built nearby, has now been renovated and will have an added attraction in the form of a Red Stone slab bearing the Preamble of Indian Constitution in both Kannada and English. This is an initiative of Social Welfare Department sculpted at a cost of Rs.15 lakh by renowned city sculptor Arun Yogiraj.

Ambedkar Bhavan

The District Minister will also launch the pending works of Ambedkar Bhavan in city tomorrow at 12 noon. The construction of this Bhavan on Dewan's Road started in 2012-13 and has seen completion of first phase works after a considerable delay costing Rs.20 crore. Last year, administrative approval was given for the second phase works which include wall panelling, acoustic and false ceiling, providing footpath, UGD and rain water harvesting, flooring, dais, internal electrification, air-conditioning, sound system, seating arrangements for 1,800 people, providing 2 lifts and construction of toilets.

Though the administrative approval given last year was for Rs.19.10 crore, it has now been revised to Rs. 23.83 crore.

WORD OF THE DAY

Jovial

Pronunciation: Jovial (adjective)
Meaning: Jovial describes people as well as moods, attitudes, etc., that are cheerful and jolly.
Origin: In ancient Roman astrology, people were taught to share the personality traits of the god whose planet was rising when they were born. The largest planet was named after the chief Roman god Jupiter, also called Jove. Jove was a sky god and a bringer of light, as well as a great protector who kept heroes focused on being loyal to gods, the state and family. Ancient mythology is full of stories of Jupiter (Zeus in the Greek myths) behaving badly, but jovial points only to joy and happiness of a supremely powerful god: it describes the cheerful and jolly among us. (Jovian is the adjective that describes what is simply related to Jove/Jupiter.) Jovial has historically been contrasted with saturnine, which describes those with a gloomy or surly disposition. Sad Saturn was the father of Jupiter and his siblings and he was exiled (understandably) for swallowing them all.
Example: "Transport yourself to a sumptuous hidden garden somewhere in Europe, where the meats are plentiful and the specials oh so tantalizing. The rustic communal tables and jovial service will make you feel like you're hanging out with your extended family in the old country." — Briony Smith, The Toronto Star, 29 Mar. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Skunked
Drunk.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Down to the wire

Meaning: The idiom "Down to the wire" means waiting until the last minute to do something.
Origin: The origin of the idiom "Down to the wire" is in horse-racing. In the late 19th century, a small wire was strung across the track, above the finish line, to help the judges determine which horse crossed the finish line first. An early example appeared in the July issue of Scribner's Magazine in 1889, in the story 'How the derby was won': "As the end of the stand was reached Timarch worked up to Petrel, and the two raced down to the wire".
Example: "I went partying yesterday and forgot that I'm supposed to submit my paper tomorrow. It's gonna be down to the wire and I'll have to pull an all-nighter to finish it on time".

QUOTE BOX

Rather fail with honour than succeed by fraud. **—Sophocles**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

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Answer: : All in a days work.

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

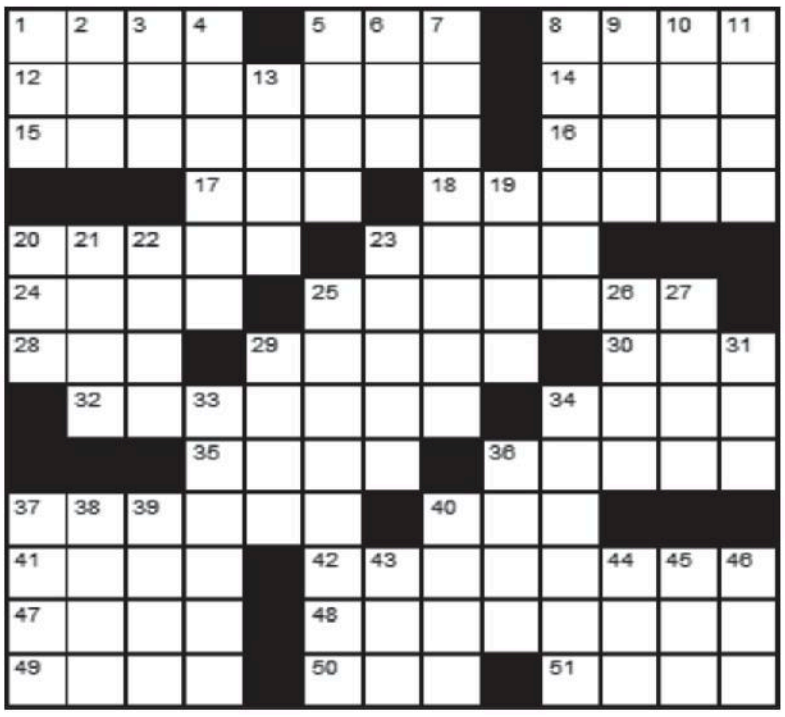
1 Winglike
5 Stitch
8 Appends or joins
12 A brown, crystallised cane sugar
14 Horned animal
15 Gallantry
16 Drain slowly
17 Decide
18 Shrewdness, keenness or perception
20 Chooses
23 Ex-India left-arm spinner Raghuram ___
24 Lasting pain
25 Looking lasciviously
28 Maui garland
29 Sweeten
30 ___ Fleming : creator of James Bond?
32 Injured with steam or hot water
34 Follow orders
35 Thailand money
36 Shopping lane
37 Pacific island
40 Entirely or completely
41 Spur
42 Hermetic and flawless
47 Concerning, in legal terms - "rein" anagram? (2,2)
48 Candidates
49 Sums charged by professionals
50 Ques. companion
51 Jubilation

WEDNESDAY'S ANSWER

R	A	J	P	U	T	■	S	O	C	I	A	L
E	■	E	A	S	Y	■	I	B	O	■	■	E
V	■	T	H	I	R	T	E	E	N	■	■	G
I	S	T	■	S	A	S	S	Y	■	D	N	A
E	R	I	C	■	N	O	T	■	D	I	E	T
W	I	S	E	S	T	■	A	K	I	M	B	O
■	■	O	L	D	■	■	■	A	N	I	■	■
S	U	N	L	I	T	■	S	L	A	N	T	S
O	R	E	O	■	I	B	M	■	R	U	N	T
W	E	D	■	S	P	I	E	L	■	E	T	A
I	■	■	N	A	P	O	L	E	O	N	■	L
N	■	■	O	L	E	■	T	I	E	D	■	A
G	A	I	N	E	D	■	S	A	R	O	N	G

DOWN

1 Aide-de-camp, in short
2 Town in Ladakh
3 The French for 'friend'
4 Withdraw a promise
5 Sodium chloride
6 Make a mistake
7 Route that beckons (3,5)
8 A rabbit-like burrowing rodent
9 Condemn or damn
10 State of stupor
11 British light submachine gun
13 Sings like Eminem?
19 Ex-English cricket big-wig Donald ___
20 He is my ___ : he is my bosom buddy?
21 Gelatos
22 Fashionable
23 Cause - a Biblical term
25 City in Punjab
26 Beaks
27 Scottish Highlander
29 Blinds crosspiece
31 Nickname used for the late Mr. Bevan
33 Tolerates or puts up with
34 Lubricating
36 High: prefix
37 Acronym heralding weekend
38 First-class (1-3)
39 Hounds' quarry
40 Weaponry
43 Charged atom
44 Work well together
45 Haw's partner?
46 T.S. Eliot's initials



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

F OLLW JFGFOIK RH EIHQ PBIG CILCYI EFKIYD VGLP

QBFQ BI ITRHQH. GLQ HL OLLW PBIG CILCYI LEID FGW

FMMYFRJ BRJ. PLKHI PBIG QBID WIHCRHI BRJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: C EQUALS P

Wednesday's Cryptoquip: The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which to burn.

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Mirage (Ma)	(S-1)	10 am, 10 pm; (S-2) 3.50 pm
Elumale (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 7 pm; (S-3) 9.55 pm
Arasayyana Prema Prasanga (K)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Lokah: Chapter 1 - Chandra (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 am
Thanal (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	(S-2)	7.10 pm; (S-4) 9.50 am, 12.55 pm
Beauty (Te)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
Jotheyagi Hithavagi (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am
Mahavatara Narasimha (K-3D)	(S-3)	1.20 pm
Sakthi Thirumagn (Ta)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Kamal Sridevi (K)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Jolly LLB 3 (H)	(S-4)	4 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Elumale (K)	(S-1)	1.20 pm; (S-2) 4.30 pm, 7.45 pm
Arasayyana Prema Prasanga (K)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Mirai (K)	(S-1)	6.15 pm; (S-4) 1.30 pm
Lokah : Chapter 1 - Chandra (Ma)	(S-1)	9.30 pm
Jolly LLB 3 (H)	(S-2)	1.25 pm; (S-4) 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Soul Mates (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Sing Song (Ta)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Thanal (Ta)	(S-3)	6.55 pm
Kiss (Ta)	(S-3)	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Jolly LLB 3 (H)	:	9.30 am, 10.05 am, 12.45 pm 4 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Shakthi Thirumagan (Ta)	:	9.35 am, 9.45 pm
Kiss (Ta)	:	10 am, 3.40 pm
Lokah: Chapter 1 - Chandra (Ma)	:	10 am, 6.40 pm
Mirage (Ma)	:	10 am, 9.30 pm
A Big Bold Beautiful Journey (E)	:	12.45 pm, 8.05 pm
Beauty (Te)	:	12.45 pm
Afterburn (E)	:	12.55 pm
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	1 pm, 10.20 pm
Demon Slayer (English)	:	7.05 pm
Jotheyagi Hithavagi (K)	:	1.05 pm
Mirai (K)	:	3.10 pm, 6.35 pm
Mirai (Te)	:	10.30 pm
The Conjuring: Last Rites (E)	:	4.05 pm
Elumale (K)	:	4.15 pm
Nishaanchi (H)	:	4.30 pm, 10 pm
Kamal Sridevi (K)	:	6.55 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Jolly LLB 3 (H)	:	9 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30, 6.45, 10 pm
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	10 am, 3.50 pm
Kiss (Ta)	:	10.50 am, 10.30 pm
Mirai (K)	:	11.45 am
Mirai (Te)	:	7.05 pm
Elumale (K)	:	1 pm, 7.30 pm
Khaali Dabba (K)	:	1.50 pm
Shakthi Thirumagan (Ta)	:	3.10 pm
Soul Mates (K)	:	4.40 pm
Arasayyana Prema Prasanga (K)	:	7.35 pm
Son of Muthanna (K)	:	10.10 pm
The Conjuring: Last Rites (E)	:	10.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (SEPT. 19)

Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi: Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, exhibition-cum-sale, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, **up to 9 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Suresh Mohan Memorial Nadakishorotsava 2025, flute concert by Ankush S. Kadaba, accompanied by Prerana Praveen and Nandan Kashyap, **4 pm;** Vocal concert by Prithvi Bhaskar, accompanied by Amogh Nadadur and Nandan Kashyap, **5 pm;** Vocal concert by Varun M. Kaginagoli, accompanied by Prerana Praveen and Skanda, **6 pm;** Vocal concert by H.K. Vishnu Sastry, accompanied by H.K. Amogh Nadadur and Skanda, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **7 pm to 8 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Vocal concert by Vidu. Dr. Sumitra Vasudev from Chennai, accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin, Vid. Mysore A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Ganabharathi's Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority: Sri Krishnotsava, Alankara Utsava - Bakasura Vadhe, Sri Prasanna Krishnaswamy Temple, Palace premises, **6 pm.**

Sri Krishna Ganasabha: Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations, light music concert by Dr. A.D. Srinivasan and troupe (Bhava Tharanga Party), Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam, **6 pm.**

The Mysore Centre of the Association of Consulting Civil Engineers (India) and The Ramco Cements Limited: Engineers' Day celebrations, conferring of Civil Engineer Extraordinaire Award on H.K. Sampath Kumar (retd. Executive Engineer) and Teacher Par Excellence Award on Dr. Ramalingaiah (former Principal and Director, PES Institutions, Mandya); ACCE(I) former President B.S.C. Rao chief guest, The Ramco Cements Limited GM-Marketing A. Vinodh and Asst. Vice-President-Technical Services Anil Kumar Pillai guests of honour. ACCE(I) Mysuru Centre Chairman S.B. Basavaraj presides, Sri Kanteerava Narasimharaja Sports Club, Lalitha Mahal Road, **6.30 pm.**

Ayodhya Publications and Manthana, Mysuru: Releasing of the book 'Mahishasura Mardhini,' written by R. Krishnamurthy; MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, scholar Dr. Shelvapillai Iyengar and author R. Krishnamurthy will be present, Madhava Krupa, Lakshmipuram, **6.30 pm.**

DASARA FILM SCREENING AT MALL OF MYSORE

SEPTEMBER 20

SCREEN 2

Churumuriya (K)	**10.00 am**
Ekka (K)	**1.00 pm**
Little Planet: A Tale of Frogs (E)	**4.00 pm**
Mahavatar Narasimha (K)	**7.00 pm**

SCREEN 3

Mandara (K)	**10.15 am**
Adavi (K)	**1.15 pm**
Lacchi (K)	**4.15 pm**
Kritya (K)	**7.15 pm**

SCREEN 4

Decision to Leave (Korean)	**10.30 am**
When the Light Breaks (Icelandic)	**1.30 pm**
The Seed of the Sacred Fig (German)	**4.30 pm**
Light House (K)	**7.30 pm**

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 20)

Mysore Open Forum (MOF): Talk on 'Making of the Modern Mysore State' by Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, former Professor, Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Mysore (UoM) and Convenor, Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), Kalpa Kshetra auditorium, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, **10.30 am.**

Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, New Delhi: Gandhi Shilp Bazaar, expo-cum-sale, JSS Urban Haat, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**

Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE): Graduation Day (Part-1) for UG Graduating Batch of 2021-2025, Prof. Gautam R. Desiraju of IISc., Bengaluru, chief guest, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS) President Gundappa Gowda presides, VVCE campus, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **10.45 am.**

Mysuru Vishwavidyanilaya Hiriya Vidyarthigala Okkuta, Prasaranga, University of Mysore (UoM): Releasing of book 'Kyataiahna Kavanagalu,' a poetry collection of Rahul Kumbarahalli; Mysuru District Congress Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar releases the book, Kriya Samsthe Founder Prof. Prasannakumar Keragodu inaugurates the event and speaks about the book, Prasaranga Director Prof. M. Nanjaiah Honganur presides, journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, Kannada Professor K. Sowbhagyavathi and Asst. Professor Dr. P. Chandrashekar chief guests, Kuvempu auditorium, Prasaranga premises, UoM, **4 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Suresh Mohan Memorial Nadakishorotsava, flute concert by Shreya Bharath, accompanied by Prerana Praveen and Bhuvan, **4 pm;** Vocal by Dattaprasad Avadhooth, accompanied by Ratna Teja and Pranav Subramanya, **5 pm;** Vocal by B.R. Abhishek Simhan, accompanied by Srivatsa and Yashas, **6 pm;** Vocal by G. Soorya, accompanied by Sri Lalitha and Pranav Subramanya, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **7 pm to 8 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: 'Kathe Kelona Banni-898,' story-telling by Dr. G.A. Subbulakshmi, retd. Professor, MES Kishora Kendra, Bengaluru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115]

Sri Chamundeshwari Kshetra Development Authority: Sri Krishnotsava, Alankara Utsava, Yamalarjuna Moksha, Sri Prasanna Krishnaswamy Temple, Palace premises, **6 pm.**

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru, BVB Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru: 151st Cultural Outreach Programme, 'Bharatanatya: Nrutya Vaibhava' by Shraddha Dance Ensemble (Shama Krishna and her disciples), BVB premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**

Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust: Karnatak classical vocal concert by Vidushi Dr. Surabhi Pusthakam, accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin and Vid. Puttur Nikshith on mridanga, Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple, SBM Colony, Srirampura, **6 pm.**

Sri Krishna Ganasabha: Sri Krishna Janmashtami celebrations, dance programme by Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan and her disciples (Champaka Academy, Mysuru), Alwar Kala Bhavan, Gokulam, **6.30 pm.**

Gemini Circus: Inauguration of shows by Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLAs Tanveer Sait and T.S. Srivatsa chief guests, Horse Park Grounds, near Karanji Lake, **6.30 pm.**

Avadhoota Datta Peetham: 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

Elumale (K)	:	10 pm
Shakthi Thirumagan (Ta)	:	10.10 pm
Mirage (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Jolly LLB 3 (H)	:	9.40 am, 12.55 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Demon Slayer (E)	:	10 am, 7 pm
Khaali Dabba (K)	:	10.20 am
Shakthi Thirumagan (Ta)	:	11.30 am, 3.45 pm
Kamal Sridevi (K)	:	1.10 pm
Soul Mates (K)	:	1.15 pm
Nishaanchi (H)	:	2.45 pm
Mirage (Ma)	:	4.10 pm, 10 pm
Arasayyana Prema Prasanga (K)	:	4.20 pm
Kiss (Ta)	:	7 pm
Jotheyagi Hithavagi (K)	:	7.30 pm
Mirai (Te)	:	10.10 pm
Lokah: Chapter 1 - Chandra (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

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